

of a tree which had the resemblance of yew, he, with the tools he had, made shift to make one, of about six feet long, and arrows of the same, which he hardens and straightens over the fire; then, having slit them at one end, about two or three inches, he slips in a bit of parchment, which served for feathers, ties the end close to keep it in, and with the ravelling of some of the sail makes a string to it.

Thus equipt for an archer, he daily practices shooting at a mark for the space of a



fortnight. Being sufficiently skilled, he goes and lies in wait for his desired game; he placed himself behind a tree, as near to the

pond

pond as he could, whither the bird came in a few hours.

The fowl being pitched upon the bank, never stood still, but kept running round, watching for a sizeable fish, fit to swallow, so that he had no opportunity to shoot; till having at last spied out one, it launched itself into the pond, but raised more easily, which gave him time to take his aim, nevertheless he missed it, being in motion; but, when come to the top, he struck it through the body as it opened its wings, and laid it flat on the other side of the pond.

He took it up, wonderfully pleased at his great success the first time of his practising this new-acquired art; the inexpressible beauty of the feathers, which were after the nature of a drake, every one distinguished from another by a rim round the edge thereof, and of a changeable colour, from red to yellow and green; the ribs of a delightful blue, the bill like burnished gold; eyes like a ruby, with a rim of gold round it; the feet the same as the bill.

Having carefully taken out the flesh, which spoiling, would corrupt the outside, then fills the skin with sweet herbs, which he dried for that use: and having sewed up the place he

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